

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

ISSUED BY THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

24 OCTOBER 1963
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. South Vietnam

a.

[redacted] a coup attempt against the palace was imminent.

50X1
50X1

50X1

(Cont'd)



50X1

50X1

f. The UN observer team has arrived. Also an Asian People's Anti-Communist League conference opens in Saigon today. Finally, Saturday is South Vietnam's National Day.

g. There are further rumors of regime-inspired demonstrations against our Embassy and USIS headquarters;

50X1

2. Algeria-Morocco

a. Haile Selassie's mediation effort has clearly failed. Ben Bella, obviously heartened by the prospect of substantial help from Cairo continues to insist that the Moroccans give up the border posts they have occupied.

b. While determined to hold to what he has, Hassan has gone no further, having apparently turned down his army's pleas to move on Tindouf. He has made plain, however, his expectation that help will be forthcoming from us when the chips are down.

(Cont'd)

c. This point may have arrived. The Algerians have raised the scale of hostilities by launching what the press calls a major offensive to regain the two posts. Algerian troops are said to have retaken Hassi Beida in heavy fighting and to be threatening Tinjoub.

d. Ben Bella, believing he is about to regain by force what he could not get by negotiation, has dispatched an emissary to Tunis to catch up with Haile Selassie and tell him Algeria is now ready to talk.

e. Nasir has publicly labeled Hassan the aggressor and committed himself to support Algeria.

3. Congo

a. Leopoldville is strike-ridden. Teachers want pay due them in arrears and government workers want long-promised raises.

b. Meanwhile, the vernacular radio in Brazzaville calls for a labor uprising and the same treatment for Adoula's government as that accorded Youlou's.

(Cont'd)

50X1

d. Adoula and Defense Minister Anany, meanwhile, have announced discovery of a Communist-inspired plot to overthrow the government. "A certain" (unnamed) Communist Bloc embassy is implicated, and Adoula tells us he plans to declare its personnel persona non grata.

4. Cuba-USSR

50X1

5. Italy

a. Left wing Socialists have had to concede victory to Nenni's faction in Party elections just concluded. Nenni slightly increased his hold over the party's congress (55 percent last year).

b. To preserve what influence they can, the left wingers have given up direct opposition to coalition with the Christian Democrats and are now trying to get Nenni to stipulate certain conditions.

c. The situation remains ticklish, however, as the right wing Christian Democrats have yet to be brought into line.

NOTES

A.

[Redacted]

50X1

B. Brazil Goulart

[Redacted]

apparently in hope of [Redacted]
[Redacted] regaining the cooperation of other parties. This
has given rise to speculation that he may be shift-
ing to a more centrist-political stance. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

50X1

50X1

50X1

50X1

50X1

50X1